Raising the height/level of platforms

1093. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the height of level of platforms has not been raised following conversion to broad gauge resulting in inconvenience to passengers; and

(b) if so, by what time such basic necessity would be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Height of the level of platform has been raised selectively at stations where the number of passengers is high. At other stations, rail level platform as the existing standards on BG lines have been provided.

(b) Provision of high level platforms is a continuing process and is considered once the level of traffic at a station warrants the provision of the same.

Measures towards balanced regional growth of Orissa

1094. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by the department of SSI and ARI for the State of Orissa for balanced regional growth since 1990; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The State Governments are primarily concerned with the promotion and development of small scale industries and the balanced regional growth. However, Central Government supplement the efforts of State Governments by providing various support measures apart from formulating policies and coordinating the activities of various agencies. The support measure by Government of India are implemented through Small Industries Development Organisation in the country. Besides, some of the important schemes are also implemented through State Governments/ agencies. Steps are also being taken for the development of backward areas/ regions in the country. Till 1988, the capital investment subsidy was in operation for promoting industries including small scale in backward areas. Subsequently, Govt. of India have launched the scheme of growth centres in backward areas. Pursuant to the policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises announced on 6th August, 1991, the scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) (including technological back-up services) for small scale industries in rural/ backward areas was launched in March 1994, for setting up IID Centres for providing infrastructural facilities like water, power, telecommunication etc. in selected centres. Some of the important schemes that are designed for promotion and development of small scale industries in the country are Tool Room and Training centres, Regional Testing centres, Product-cum-Process Development centres, Enterpreneurship Development Programme, Industrial Management Training, Export Promotion, Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana, Modernisation and technology Upgradation etc.

Some of the important schemes operating specifically in Orissa are:

(1) Central Tool Room and Training Centre, Bhubneshwar, established under the bilateral agreement signed in June 1989 between Govt. of India and Denmark. This centre has been set up as a Govt. of India Society to assist small scale industries in the State of Orissa for fulfilling their needs for higher technology. This Centre has been conducting four years training course for